[Translation]

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE : Mr. Speaker, Sir, may we take it that the matter is under your consideration.

MR. SPEAKER : Yes, it is under consideration.

[English]

SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR : Speaker Sir . . . *(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : When I guided you to meet me in the Chamber, please take your seat.

SHRI RAM NAIK (Bombay-North) : The entire House including you and probably the Communication Minister Shri Rajesh Pilot, would be surprised to know the decision of the Communication Ministry that in all 46 important cities of India, from 1st November, postal mail, letters, cards, etc. will not be delivered in the first, second and third floors of multi-storeyed buildings. This decision was taken by the Department on 29th May by a statutory order. In those days, we were amidst elections. Such statutory orders are required to be placed before the House. That has also not been done. You can just imagine the fate that all of us would face. These 46 cities include Delhi, Madras, Mumbai (Bombay) and others. Sir, this is a serious matter. If the Government implements the order, there will be chaotic conditions in the postal services. So, I demand a statement from the Communication Minister on this. I also demand that the order must be laid on the table of the House and it should be withdrawn. Otherwise it will be very difficult to get the mail. As it is, the postal services are at the lowest ebb. The condition will be more chaotic with this order. I demand that this order should be withdrawn. Anyway, this decision was taken long back in the past and hence it should be withdrawn.

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA (Bankura) : A number of times we raised in this House the matter regarding the take over of Larsen & Toubro in a clandestine manner by the Ambanis. An assurance was given by the leader of the House that the Finance Minister would make a statement on this.

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : I have not given any such assurance.

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA : When we demanded a statement from the Minister, the leader of the House gave us an assurance that the Finance Minister would make a statement on this. This is a very serious matter. Larsen & Toubro is being taken over by the Ambanis in a clandestine manner and the Finance Ministry is silent on this. He should make a statement on this . . . *(Interruptions)*

SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA (Andaman-Nicobar) : Sir, I have received information from my constituency Andaman-Nicobar that the people there, are facing acute shortage of essential commodities, especially sugar. People are not getting sugar even from fair price shops. You know the geographical location of the Islands. We live in one of the remotest parts of the country. People are not getting sugar. It is an essential commodity. Sir, I would request the Government to ensure that, if necessary, special quota will be provided so that it can be distributed through the

Fair Price Shops. Until and unless this is done, people of Andaman-Nicobar Island will be in a great difficulty and there will be a law and order problem in that part of the country. Hon. Home Minister is present here. I would like him to assure the House that the essential commodities like the sugar will be distributed at the Fair Price Shops.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Bhakta now please take your seat.

(Interruptions)

SHRI SRIKANTA JENA (Cuttack): Sir, why the Finance Minister is silent on the clandestine take-over of L & T by Ambanis.

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA (Bankura): Why the Finance Minister is not clarifying the issue?

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: When I am standing, please take your seats.

I must thank you and congratulate you for supporting the business of the House in the last two days. I hope you will do the same thing today also. If you have some concern about something, you are allowed to express your views but tnen you are taking it to the logical conclusions, response, discussion, this and that and that too on a matter which is not listed in the Agenda. When you are doing this, other Members do not get the opportunity to express their views. So, in consideration for others desires to make their points, please, now let Mr. Pandey to make his point.

[Translation]

DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA (Mandsaur): Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the call of AIIMS Resident Doctors Association, doctors of the Institute now a days are on strike. This is an important medical institute of the country. OPD services in this institute have come to a standstill, with the 400 doctors going on strike. Denial of medical services to thousands of patients from all over the country have made them run hither and thither and has also been a cause of much disappointment. The Hon. Minister of Health and Family Welfare has neither shown concern nor taken any initiative to make the medical services available to the patients in the prevailing conditions. What to talk of major surgical operations even minor surgical operations are not being conducted in the institute. I demand that proper medical facilities may be made available to the thousands of patients of the country, facing tremendous hardships in the absence of treatment and the matter may please be taken up seriously.

SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI (Kota): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Hon. Minister must make a statement on the issue. The matter is quite serious as the question is of the denial of medical services.

[English]

SHRI K. P. REDDAIAH YADAV (Machilipatnam): Mr. Speaker, Sir, though this is a very small thing for the House . . .

MR. SPEAKER: If it is a small matter, please don't raise it here. Do not make the House small.

SHRI K. P. REDDAIAH YADAV: Sir, I would like to raise a matter regarding slaughter of cattles and the depletion in cattle population in India.